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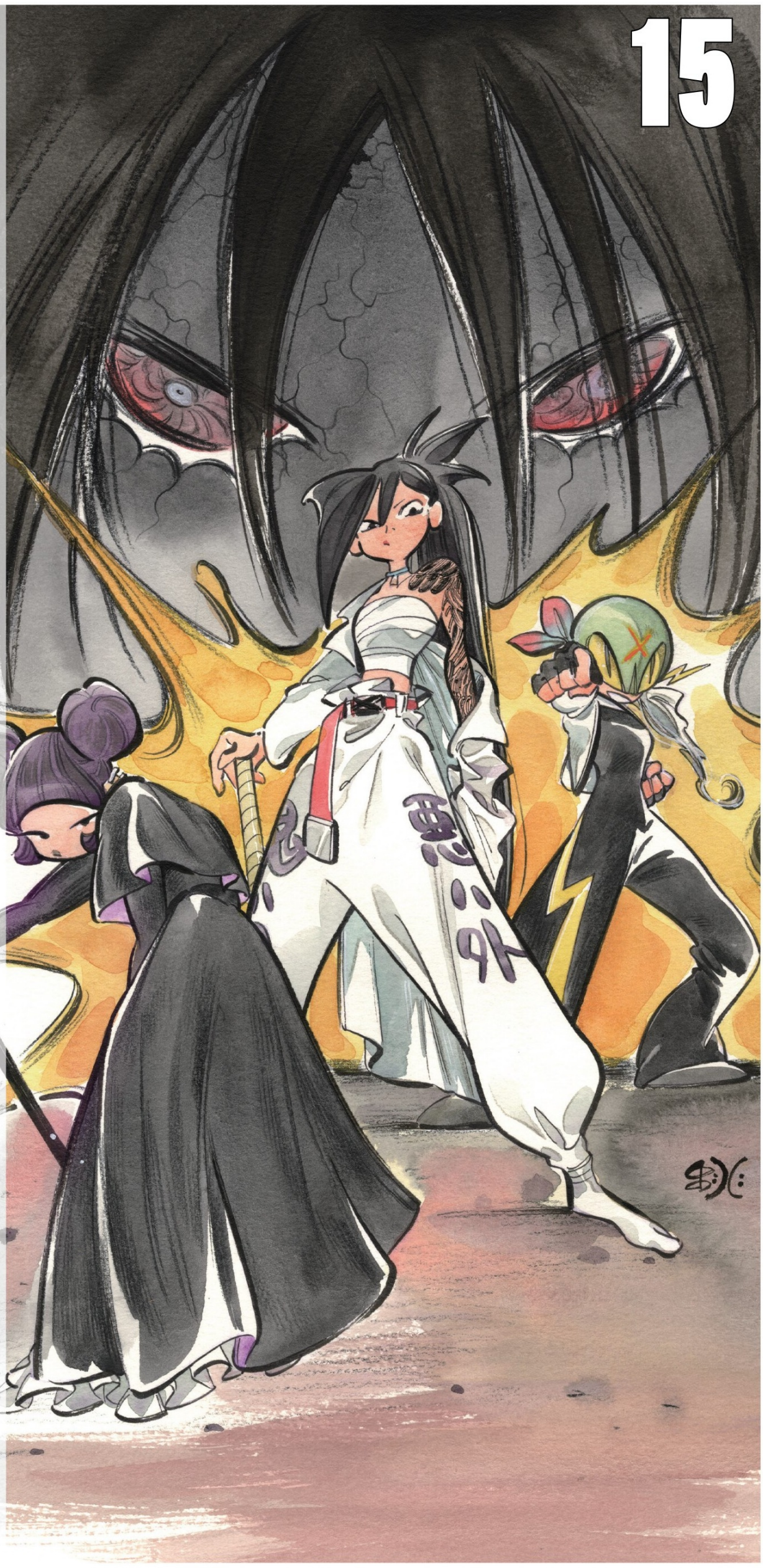

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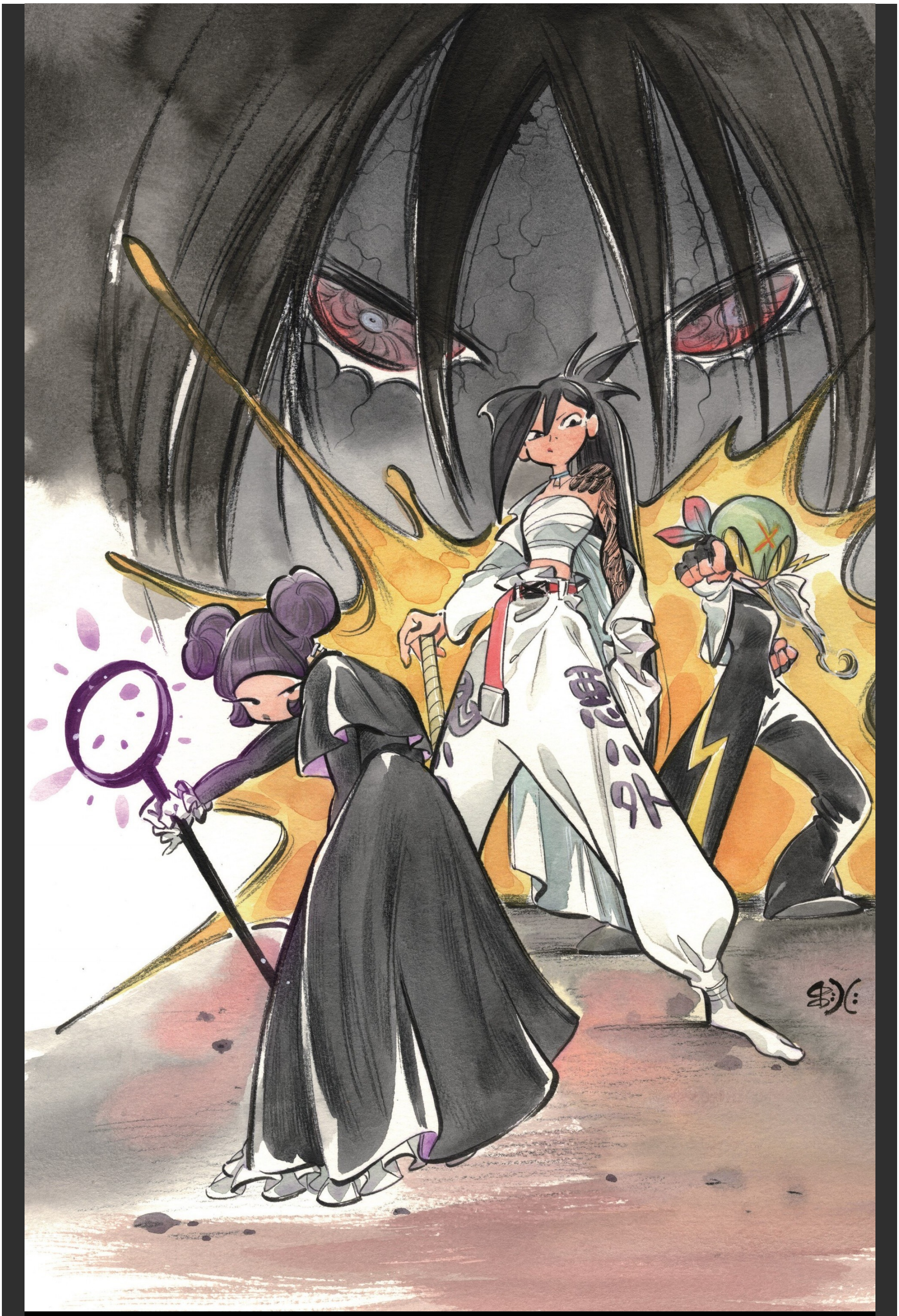

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A diabolical genius known as **THE MAKER** used time travel to create his ideal Earth by systematically preventing anyone from ever becoming a super hero—except for those on his secret **MAKER'S COUNCIL**, whom he stationed to rule over different regions of the world.

HI NO KUNI ("LAND OF THE SUN") became one of two hotbeds for mutant activity, but civilians were unaware until social media exploded with the story of **CHILDREN OF THE ATOM**, a cult for mutant youth led by a zealot known as **MAESTER**, after **KANON SAINOUCHI** and her police officer brother, **TATSUYA**, found a suitcase containing a body—but Maker's Council member **VIPER** threatened Tatsuya into silence.

MEI IGARASHI (MAYSTORM) leads a rebellion of former cult members, calling their new masked group **X-MEN**. Her friends **NICO MINORU** and **MORI** joined her rebellion to find their missing friends **NATSU TSUKISHIMA**, an unwilling member of the cult, and **HISAKO ICHIKI (ARMOR)**, whose odd connection to cultist **SHINOBU KAGEYAMA (SHADOW KING)** puts her at the center of the cult's plans…

ULTIMATE X-MEN

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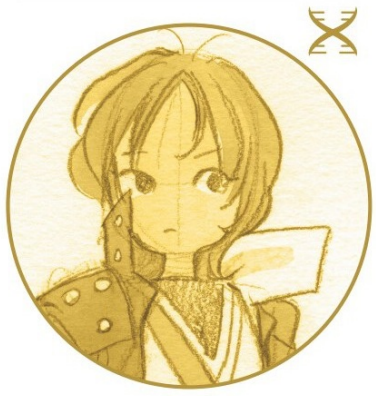

HISAKO ICHIKI
ARMOR

MEI IGARASHI
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FLEDGLING PSYCHIC

MORI
NICO'S FRIEND

NATSU TSUKISHIMA
NICO'S FRIEND

KANON SAINOUCHI
PSYLOCKE

SHINOBU KAGEYAMA
SHADOW KING

NORIKO ASHIDA
SURGE, MEMBER OF THE CHILDREN OF THE ATOM

VIPER
ONE OF THE MAKER'S COUNCIL

MAESTER
CHILDREN OF THE ATOM LEADER

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Tatsuya, look at this.

What am I looking at, Futaba?

It's what we've been searching for. What's really going on with the Children of the Atom.

They call it *Project MY-X.*

It's an experiment of some kind. And experiments require *subjects...*

MY-X

You think #MeatCase is one of them?

Yes. Look here. Maester is talking about something called the ***Astral Plane.*** It's how he plans to create what he calls "*true Homo superior*"-- a master race.

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We're in deep. If we go further... be ready.

There's a chance we won't be coming home.

MY-X

Here's your usual.

You two've been coming here for weeks.

It's *Golden Week.* Shouldn't you lovebirds be off together somewhere?

Coffee, black. No sugar and cream.

Th- thanks!

Oh no! I'm so sorry... I spilled right on your papers.

Haha! Don't worry about it... they weren't important.

So? This Astral Plane sounds dangerous. What do you suggest we do?

You know I quit the police, Futaba. I don't have access to their intel anymore.

Actually, I made a contact inside the Children of the Atom. She's already preparing for something.

Really? And you're sure you can trust her?

I trust her *aura*. It's the same as mine. Plus... she says she's friends with your sister.

Are you serious?! Kanon has a ***friend?*** Like, an actual friend?

Would you like some more coffee? It's on the house.

Thank you.

Kanon has a friend... *huh*...imagine that.

TEMPLE OF CHILDREN OF THE ATOM.
OKU KIRISAKI CITY.

Wow. That's amazing!!!

It's beautiful!

Wooooooo!!!

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How do you do that?

That's so cool, Grimm.

Miss Grimm, thank you as always for entertaining the young ones.

I am *so* happy you joined us.

As am I.

Still, Miss Grimm, you haven't received your ***endowment*** yet.

It's been fifteen days since you joined us. We'll be expecting you...

"...after the next service."

My Children of the Atom. Each of you are a blessing.

Have you ever seen Maester in person?

Is he always on a screen like this?

It's been a while since we saw him in person.

Do you know where he is?

I don't... We shouldn't be talking about our Maester like this...

Now, my Children, let us join together in our most sacred ceremony.

Receive your endowments.

?

Grimm...?

Turn left here...three doors ahead.

--yes, Maester, this is the initial trial for this subject.

Ah, I see, I see... Be sure to document everything, doctors.

The first time is often the most important.

His future looks promising. Keep an eye on this one.

He's doing well, but he is a bit scared...

Allow me to talk to him.

Of course, Maester.

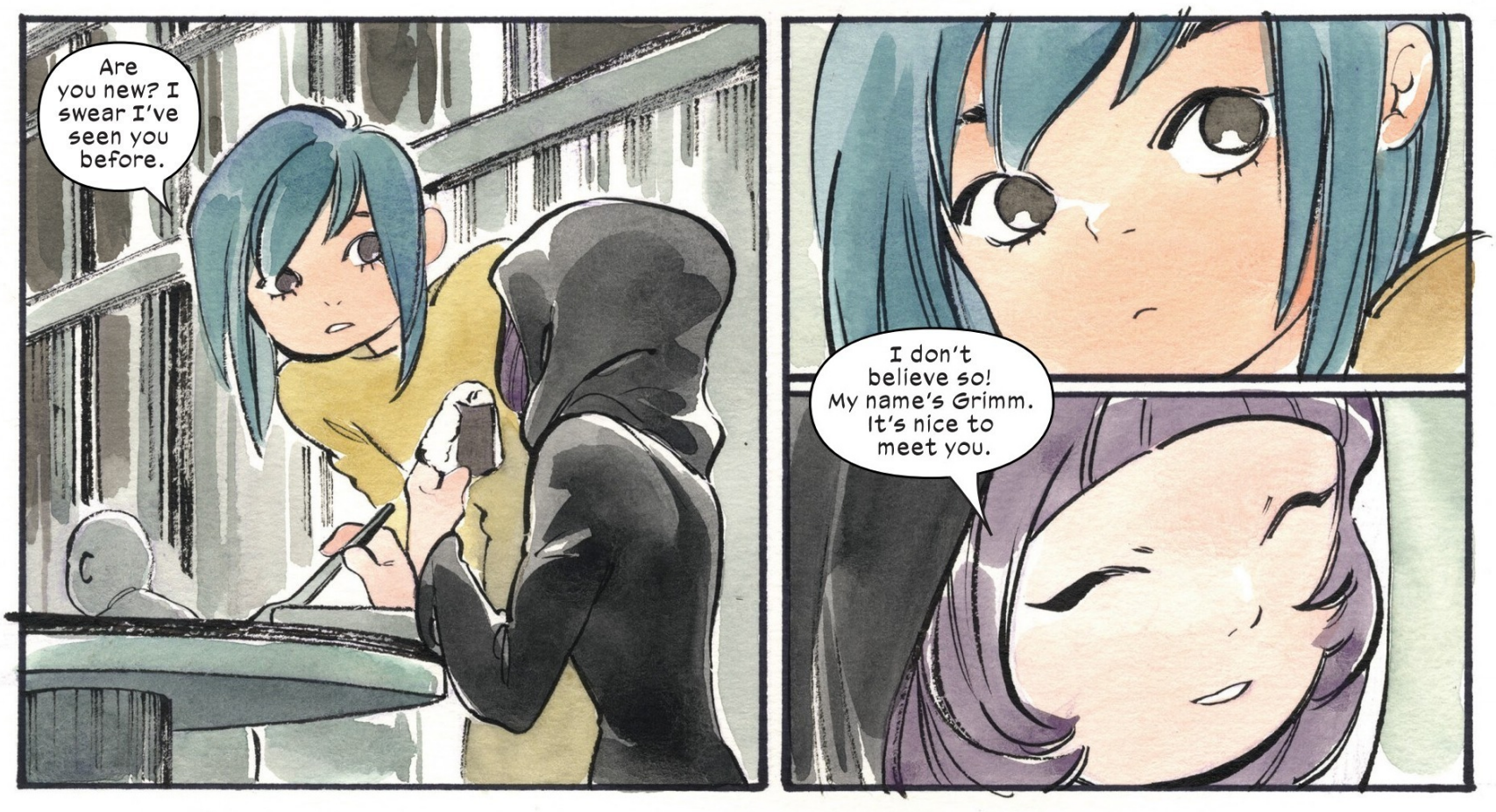
Is that the time? Let's get this over with before the endowment.

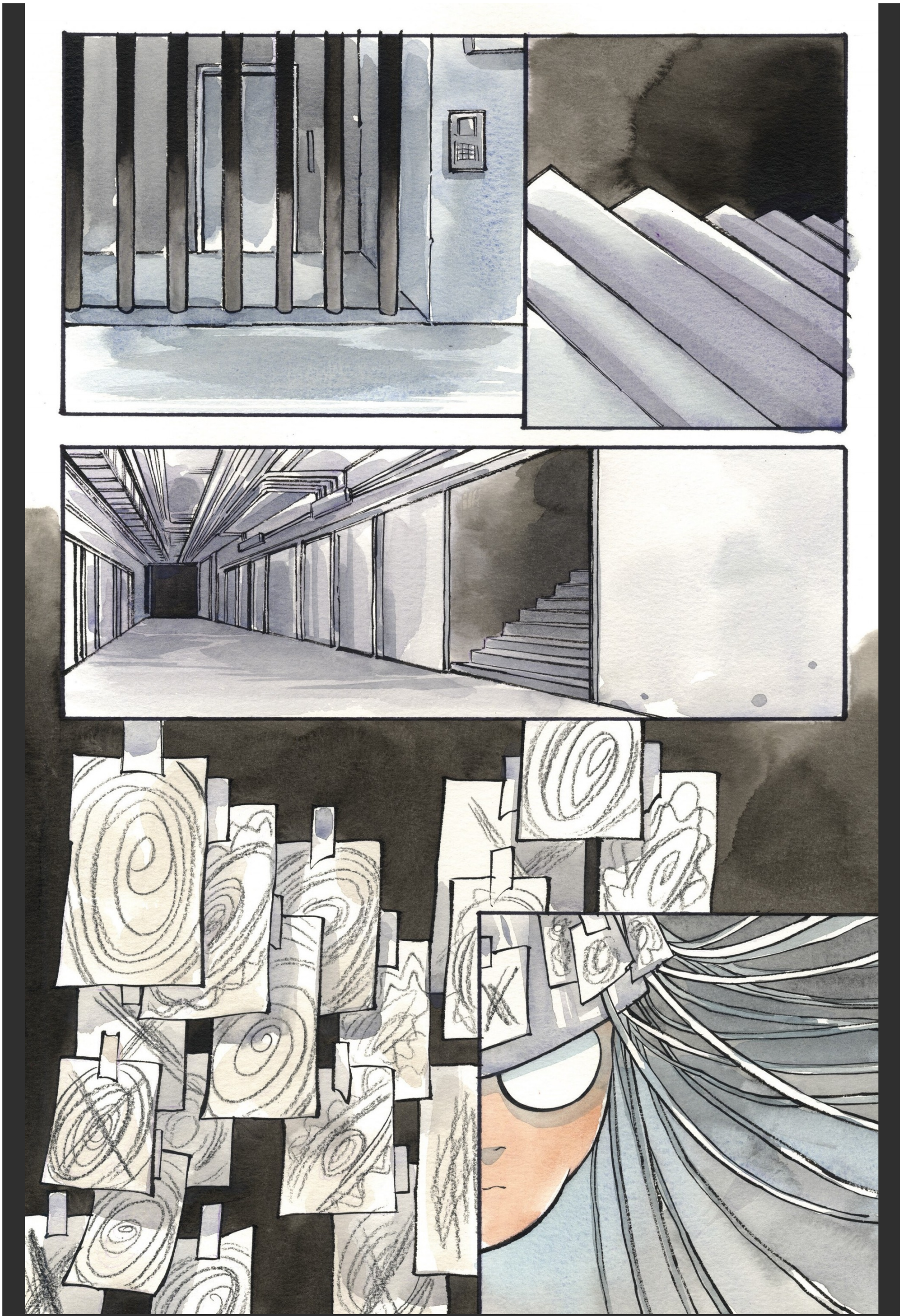
I should check on Kageyama and Hisako as well.

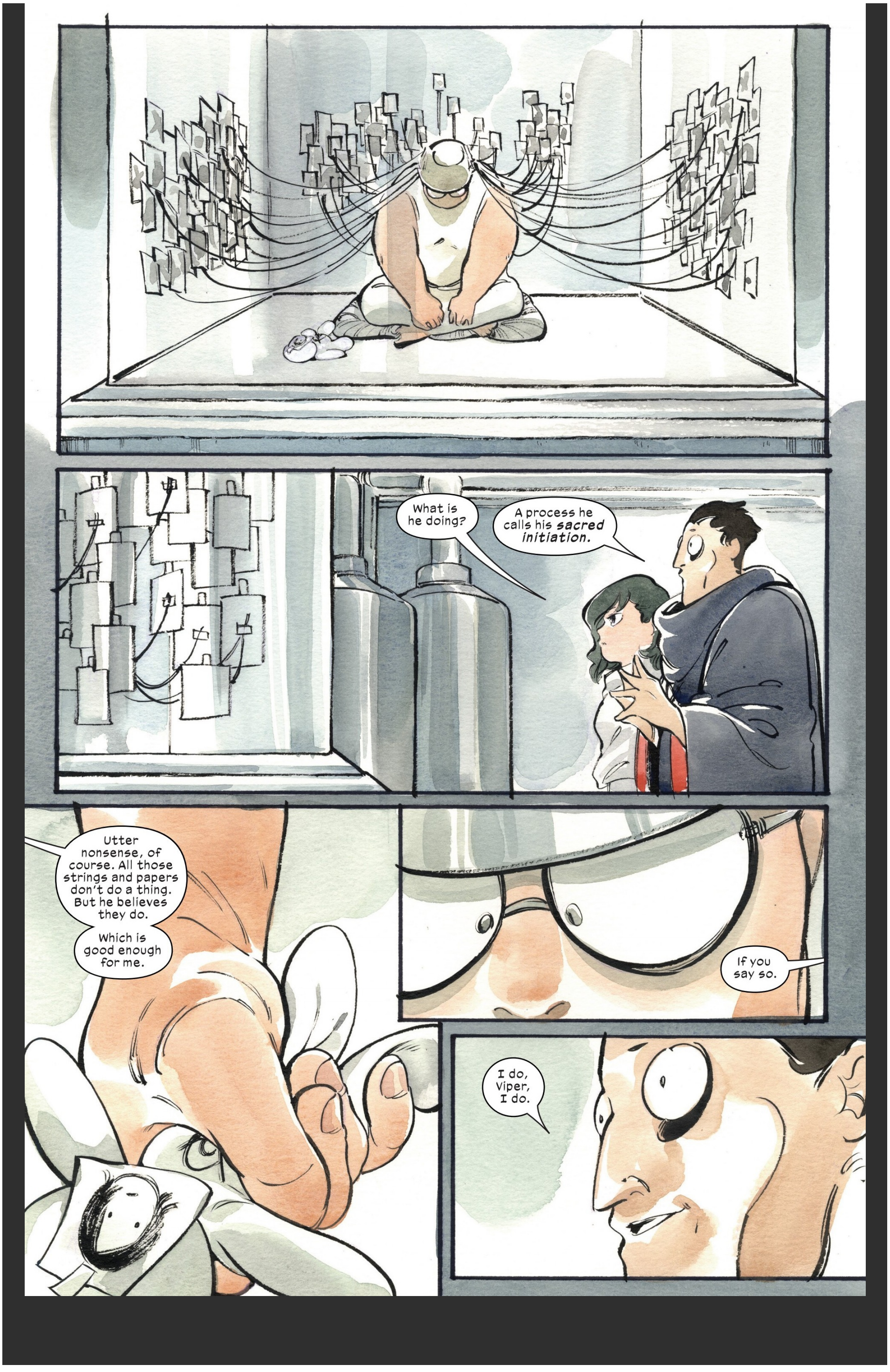
KLK

LATER.

Hey!


Are you new? I swear I've seen you before.
I don't believe so! My name's Grimm. It's nice to meet you.




What is he doing?
A process he calls his sacred initiation.
Utter nonsense, of course. All those strings and papers don't do a thing. But he believes they do.
Which is good enough for me.
If you say so.
I do, Viper, I do.

And this time *you're certain* he can't see or hear us?

I don't need him slipping into my head like last time, Fujiwara.

Absolutely. We fixed that problem. That room has a containment field--he can't use his powers inside.

As long as we give him what he wants, he's happy in there.

You're sure all he wants is Hisako Ichiki?

Yes. But we need to find a way to wake her up.

He'll only be satisfied with her for so long in that state.

"All of that power flowing out of Hisako, and no ability to harvest it. Such a waste..."

Find a way.

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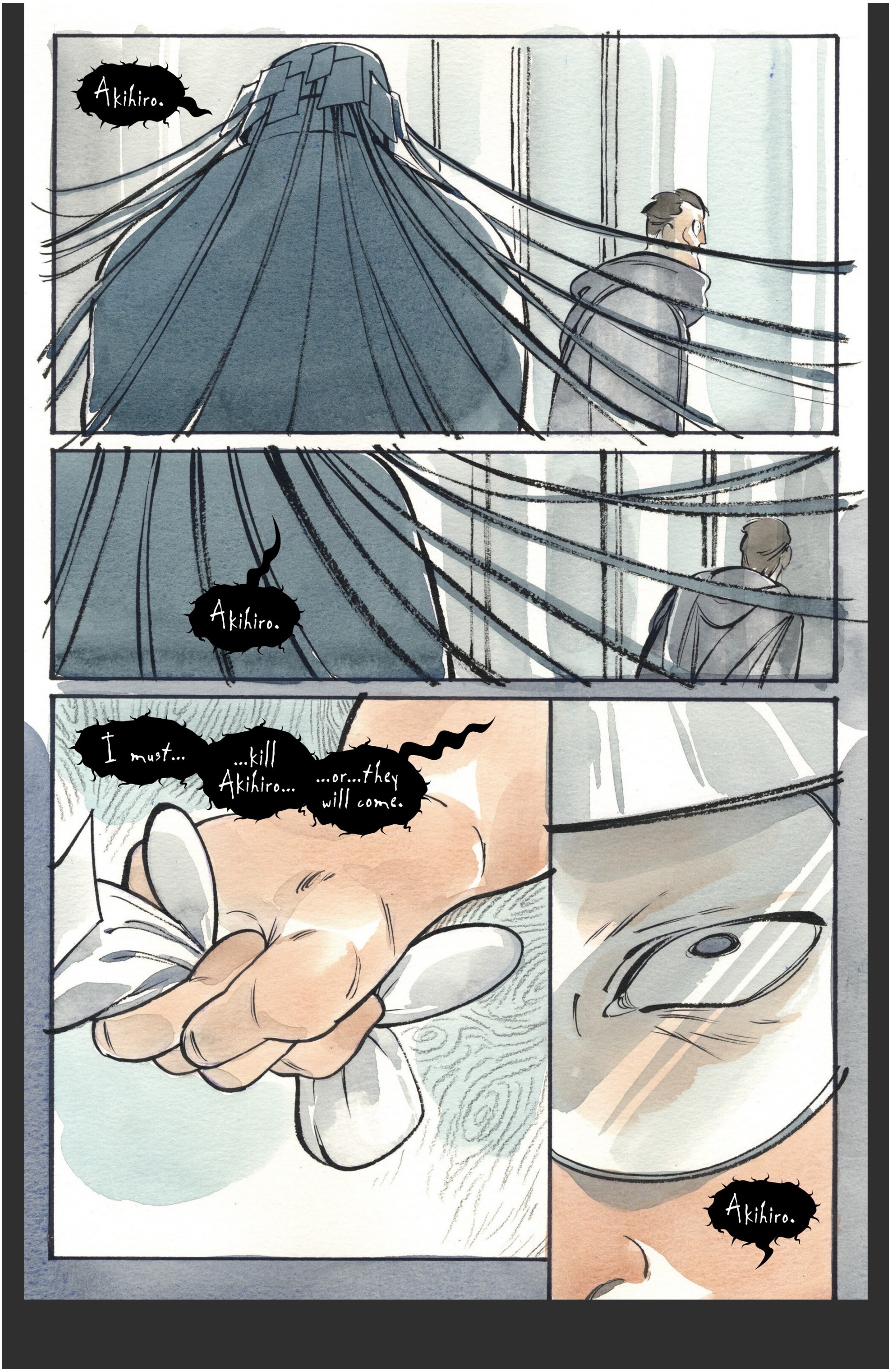
Akihiro.
Akihiro.
I must...
...kill Akihiro...
...or...they will come.
Akihiro.

Akihiro.

Akihiro.

Akihiro.

N-no... p-please... I don't want...

AKIHIRO.

Akihiro...

Hey, Mori, you okay?

Mori?

Hurts... It hurts...

It hurts so much...

Mori, are you okay? What's wrong?

Leave me alone!!!

C'mon...

"...let's get back to Mei."

What happened?

Dunno. We were tagging under the bridge, and then suddenly she yelled like she was in pain.

I don't know either...I was fine, but then so much pain... like I was being ripped apart.

I heard someone say a name, over and over again...

"Akihiro..."

"I saw a face... it was so scary...

"That was Akihiro.

"It felt like a memory...not mine...someone else's...

"I don't know what to say. But it was real...

"He was looking at my body, torn to pieces...
"I saw inside his eyes...the symbol...Children of the Atom...
"It was a gateway...
"And then I saw Hisako..."

If we can find this Akihiro, he might know where Hisako is.

And ***Natsu***...don't forget about Natsu!

One thing I know, this is too big for just us. We need Nico.

Huh...? Is someone there?

Akihito

Test Subject-X

Check this, Tatsuya--I did some deep digging. See this old photo? This is *Akihiro.*

Age unknown... address unknown... by some accounts, the first mutant. By others, the first test subject. Either way, associated with the Children of the Atom.

Here's where things get worse.

Word is Kanon and her friends are looking for someone. And that someone may have gotten on this cult's bad side. Enough to get kidnapped.

Akihiro seems to be the key to everything, including the Astral Plane.

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Here's your melon soda.

Again? Isn't that your second one today?

Leave my melon sodas alone.

My guess is Kanon and her friends are planning to raid the temple. I say we take advantage of this.

They create the diversion. We find Akihiro.

What do you think?

I don't know...sounds risky. And you're not even sure this Akihiro is at the temple, right?

I've seen some people going in and out of there-- definitely not members.

It's a chance I'm willing to take.

Here. This should cover it.

Thanks!

Wait...

You're sure Kanon is involved in this?

I am.

And all this time, I've just been hiding...

Look, she's my sister. I don't want her to get hurt. But knowing Kanon, trouble's already found her...

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To be continued...

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純喫茶 CAFÉ MENU

定番メニューで好きなもの

Some of Peach's favorite items from a typical café menu...

NAPORITAN SPAGHETTI

Soft-cooked spaghetti with tomato ketchup, onions, button mushrooms, green peppers, sausage and bacon.

COFFEE JELLY

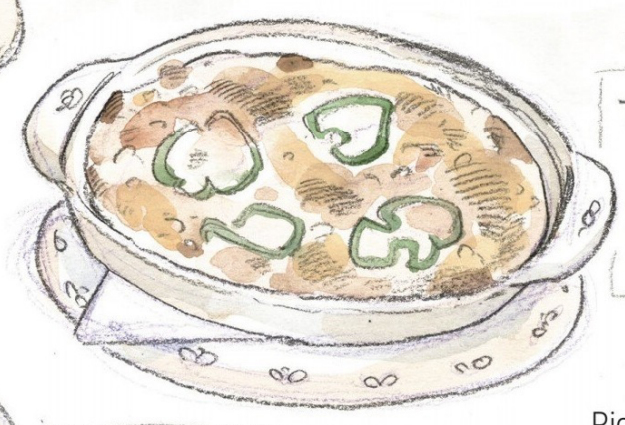
Chilled gelatinous dessert flavored with sweetened coffee.

PIZZA TOAST SET

A thick slice of milk bread topped with pizza sauce, cheese and other pizza toppings, such as ham and peppers.

MELON CREAM SODA

Melon soda topped with vanilla ice cream and a maraschino cherry.



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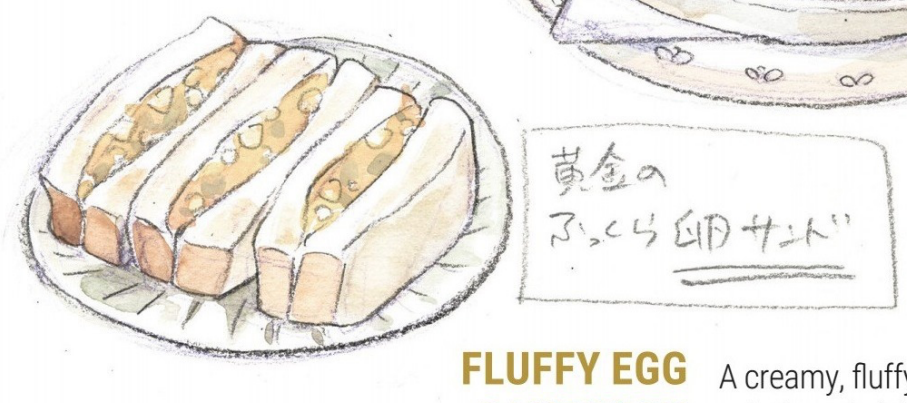
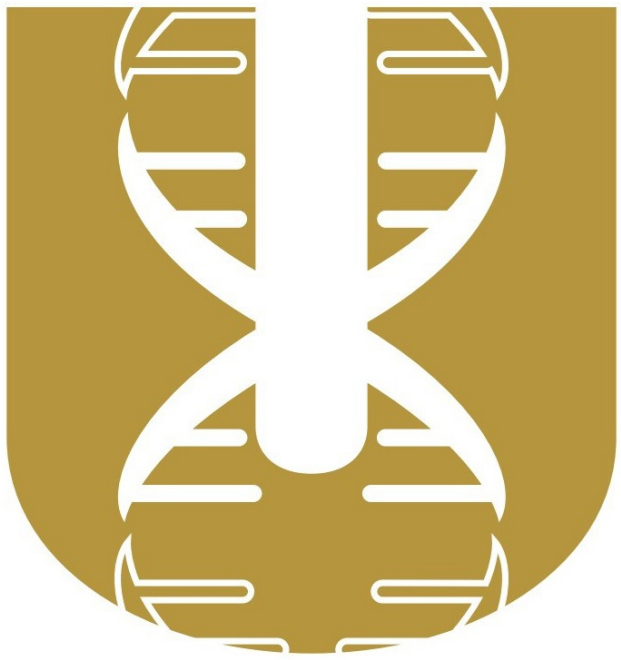
Rice casserole dish with a creamy white sauce similar to gratin.



FLUFFY EGG SANDWICH

A creamy, fluffy egg salad sandwich.



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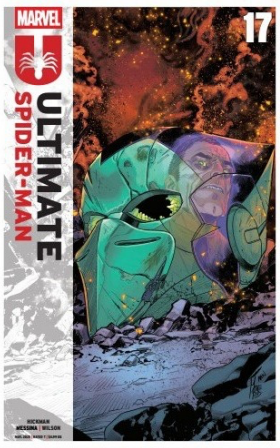

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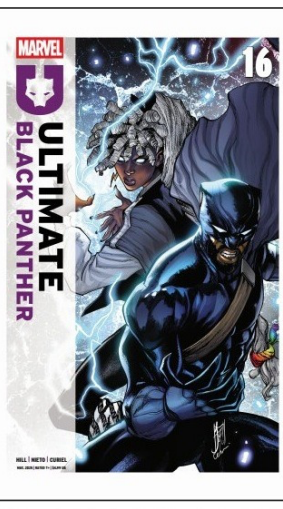

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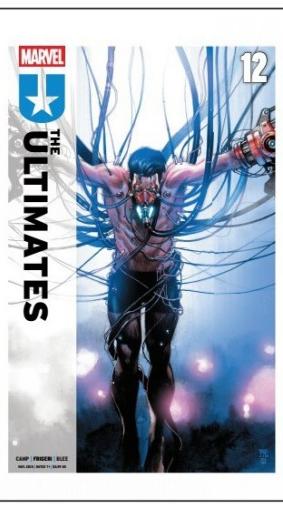

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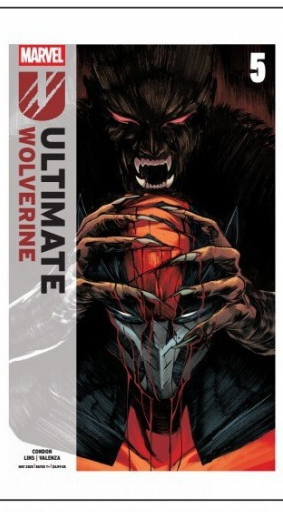

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